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THE PROGRAMME

All events will be in the WROXTON SUITE on the 2nd floor unless otherwise stated.

FRIDAY 6/11/92

5.00pm	FILM	FREEJACK - see film notes in your programme book (page 29).
7.00pm	OPENING CEREMONY	Your chance to view the committee and GoH, sumbit any last minute suggestions and volunteer as a gopher (please!)
8.00pm	PARTY	Hosted by Intersection, the victorious Glaswegian Worldcon winners. Party with a Scottish theme - if you want to know more get along to the WROXTON suite and enjoy yourselves. There will also be a cup or so of Brian Ameringen's punch.
10.00pm	FILM	FLATLINERS - see film notes in your programme book (page 29).

Followed by an all-night video show in the WAVERLEY Suite on the 6th floor, for those insomniacs who don't want to party on in the bar.

SATURDAY 7/11/92

10.00am	IAN STEWART	Scientific talk on the REAL science behind time travel. This promises to be fascinating, so make sure you're there bright-eyed and bushy-tailed.
11.15am	BOOK AUCTION	Once again the inimitable Rog Peyton will be attempting to (and probably succeeding in) parting you from your hard-won cash in return for some priceless (!) works of literature. Remember, it's all in aid of R.N.I.B.'s Talking Books for the Blind.
1.15pm	PANEL	Moderated by Linda-Claire Toal, Bob Shaw, Iain Banks and Tom Holt will discuss "Why is there so much humour in fantasy and not in sf, and does sf in fact lend itself to humour ?" Be ready with your views as well. Iain has said if they run out of things to talk about (with THAT line up!), then they will tickle Linda-Claire, just thought we'd better warn her!
2.30pm	MEETING	The BSFA are holding a meeting, **only members will be eligible to vote**, so either join and partake of the fun, or you can take a short break.
3.00pm	GoH INTERVIEW	Storm prefers to be interviewed rather than giving a speech, so Graham Joyce will be doing the honours.
4.15pm	PANEL	"The Heirs of Tolkein Roadshow" Louise Cooper, Mike Jeffries and Rob Holdstock bring their tour to Novacon, and give us their thoughts on "the reasons for the massive explosion in the volume of fantasy published during the last ten years".

5.30pm	FILM	STRANGE INVADERS - see film notes in your programme book.
7.30pm	MEETING in the WAVERLEY (6th floor)	The Friends of Foundation's EGM, **members only**, so do consider joining and lending your support to this very worthy cause.
8.00pm	PARTY	Yes, another! Orbit's biennial bash arrives at Novacon. Free booze (for a while anyway), Orbit authors will be in attendance ; Which ones ? Get down the corridor and find out.
9.30pm	BREAK	Whilst we clear up and set up the Disco, this is your chance to get the glad rags on ready to rock the night away.
10.00pm	DISCO	We do mean ROCK the night away, or whatever else you like to dance to, as long as it's not rap, jive bunny or anything else that clears the dance-floor.

And if you're still not tired, there's not only another all-night video show in the WAVERLEY (6th floor), there's an all night FILM show in the WROXTON featuring FROGS and THE CAR - see film notes in your programme book.

SUNDAY 8/11/92

10.00am	PANEL	GoH Storm Constantine will discuss her Wraeththu books with Dr Jack Cohen (on the biological aspects) and Ellie Predota (on the sociological / anthropological aspects). Steve Jeffery will moderate, not an easy job with these lively minds ; well worth getting up for!
11.15am	ART AUCTION	Rog Peyton, ably assisted by Chris Morgan, will be auctioning many of those works of art that have been exhibited on the second floor, (turn left on leaving the lift - rooms 204, 205 and 206). You did remember to go, didn't you ?
1.15pm	PANEL	"What is it like to live with a creative person whilst they are creating ?" Mark and Julia Smith (collectively Jonathan Wylie) and Mark Hewkin (Storm's husband) will spill the beans, moderator Chris Morgan.
2.30pm	TAFF	Current TAFF administrator Pam Wells will grill this year's candidates, Michael Ashley, Tony Berry, Abi Frost and Ashley Watkins (or their representatives) about their platforms.
3.45pm	AWARDS CEREMONY	Novas (did you win ? did you vote ?), also raffle prizes, a presentation to Talking Books for the Blind, and anything else that may occur to us.
5.00pm	PANEL	Rog Peyton, Pauline Morgan, Pete Weston and Roger Robinson will discuss your most popular books, based on the voting forms you all sent in. The result was heavily slanted towards the hard sf end of the field, perhaps we'll find out why,
6.15pm	PANEL	Collaborations, like them or hate them, this discussion by well known collaborators Mark and Julia Smith, Bob Shaw and Dave Hardy, moderated by Mr Cruttenden will tell us what it's like to be one.

7.30pm DEBATE

The Birmingham SF Group, represented by Helena Bowles and Jack Cohen, and the Aston University SF & Fantasy Society, will debate the motion that:

"This house believes that it is Man's duty, as the most highly evolved living organism on this planet, to pursue the goals of evolution to their maximum."

The University proposes, the Brum Group opposes, let battle commence !

8.45pm AUCTION

Got any money left ? Good, come along and let Pam Wells have it for TAFF. She will be auctioning all kinds of items no self-respecting fan should be without.

?.??pm PEOPLE'S DISCO

As Pam's auction will last for as long as it takes, we can't pin down a starting time for this. It's hosted by Aston University, will finish when it finishes, so bring those tapes and be ready to bop 'til you drop (or words to that effect).

We hope you enjoy the programme. If you have any comments let Carol Morton (or any other Committee Member) know. We had a few suggestions this year which weren't entirely feasible, but that doesn't mean your comments are disregarded - we're already considering next year's Novacon !

FOOD AND DRINK

BREAKFAST

Breakfast times are 7.30am to 10.30am each morning. VOUCHERS will be issued, which must and can ONLY be used for breakfast. If you have no vouchers with your Hotel key card please let the receptionist know first. If there is any further difficulty please find a committee member.

LOUNGE

Cheap hot food will be available on Friday from 6.00pm to 7.00pm and from 11.00pm to midnight. On Saturday from 1.00pm to 1.30pm, from 6.00pm to 7.30pm and from 11.00pm to midnight. On Sunday from 1.00pm to 2.30pm and from 6.00pm to 7.00pm.

Cheap cold food will be available most of the time.

We have been promised a varied menu with vegetarian choices and sweets, eg. cottage pies, burgers, pasta at £1.25, sweets at £1.50, see the notice board by the servery for full details.

TEA & COFFEE These will be available at all times, either in the lounge or on order in the bar, at the same price.

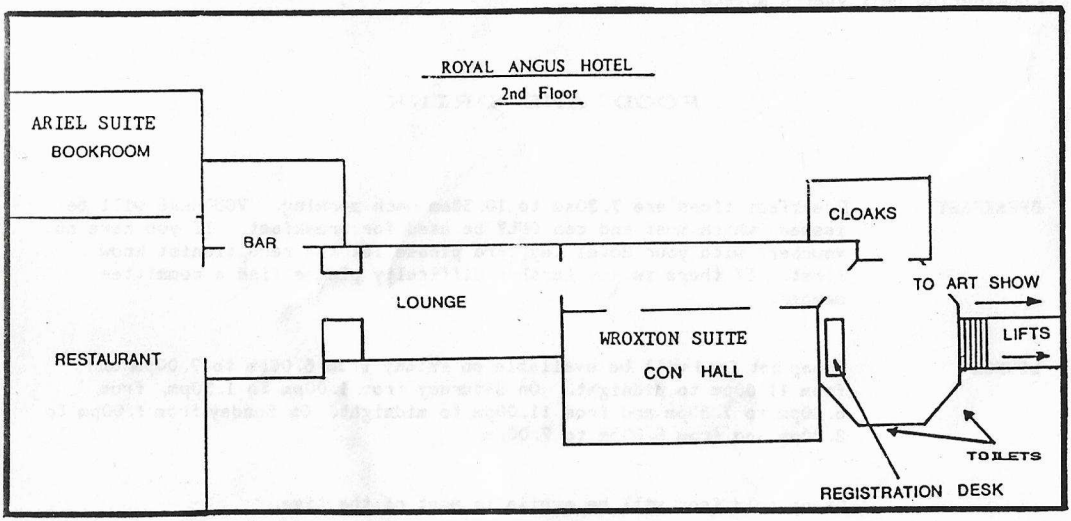
RESTAURANT Normal restaurant service will be available, opening hours are 12.00 noon to 2.30pm for lunch, re-opening at 7.00pm for dinner, last orders at 10.00pm, except for Sunday, when last orders are at 9.30pm. In addition, the cheap food will be available in the restaurant whilst it is open.

BAR Whimsey's Bar will be open to residents from 10.00am to 4.00am the following morning, except for Sunday night, when it will close at 3.00am. Non-residents can use the bar until 2.00am each morning.

BOOZE After months of devoted research by dedicated Committee Members, who voluntarily donated their time and livers to sampling as many of the wares of Scottish and Newcastle Breweries as was fannishly possible, a decision was reached, and the hotel was brow-beaten into providing not only Theakstons Best Bitter, but also Gillespies Scottish Malt Stout. Now it's up to you. We expect every Novacon 22 member to to his or her duty - "Drink 'em Dry!"

CAR PARKING Although there is no free car-parking hotel residents should be issued with a voucher or vouchers entitling you to a discount of £1.90 per day. Rates in the NCP Car Park attached to the Angus are: 1 hr £1.00, 2 hrs £1.90, 3 hrs £2.90, 4 hrs £3.80, 6 hrs £4.90, 9 hrs £5.90, 12 hrs £6.50, 24 hrs £7.00. The night rate, 6.00pm to 9.00am, is £2.50.

DIRE WARNINGS Sorry, but it has to be said: the Hotel is not a camp site and won't appreciate seeing sleeping bags in their rooms. They also won't like booze being brought in from outside without corkage being paid. Please heed this warning, the Committee WILL NOT back you up if there is any difficulty caused by actions such as these.



SECOND FLOOR

CON HALL = THE WROXTON SUITE
ART SHOW = Rooms 204, 205 and 206
BOOK ROOM = ARIEL SUITE

SIXTH FLOOR

CHILDREN'S PLAYROOM (10am-6pm) = WAVERLEY SUITE
VIDEO ROOM (aprrox. 8pm-9am) = WAVERLEY SUITE
ACTIVITY ROOM = THE BOARDROOM

Please note the WRITER'S WORKSHOP will be in THE BOARDROOM on Sat 9am-10am & Sun 9am-noon.